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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 0133

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SOPN, SW, PFOR

SUBJECT: SWEDISH RADAR REVEALS ALLEGED US-SOVIET AIRCRAFT  
NEAR-MISS OCCURRED OUTSIDE SWEDISH FIR

REF: STOCKHOLM 92 (DTG 101625Z) (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO REPEATED EMBASSY REQUESTS TO SWEDISH DEFENSE  
STAFF OFFICIALS ON JANUARY 7 AND JANUARY 10, EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE  
WAS INVITED TODAY, JANUARY 12, TO VIEW SWEDISH MILITARY RADAR  
SCOPE FILMS OF THE JANUARY 5 INCIDENT. FILMS FROM TWO  
SITES WERE AVAILABLE, ONE ON THE ISLAND OF GOTLAND, AND  
A SECOND LOCATED IN SMALAND (SOUTHEASTERN SWEDEN). BOTH  
FILM CLIPS SHOW CLEARLY THE TRACK OF THE US AIRCRAFT AT  
THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT TO BE WELL OUTSIDE, APPROXIMATELY  
6 NAUTICAL MILES OUTSIDE, (EAST) OF STHE STOCKHOLM  
FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR). COORDINATES ARE  
57 12 00 N, 20 02 00 E. CONSEQUENTLY, INCIDENT ACTUALLY  
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OCCURRED IN THE RIGA FIR. UNFORTUNATELY, THE RADAR  
CLOSEST TO THE INCIDENT (GOTLAND) LOST POWER WHEN THE  
AIRCRAFT WERE STILL APPROXIMATELY 10 KILOMETERS  
APART AND THE FILM CLIP DID NOT THEREFORE INDICATE  
HORIZONTAL SEPARATION AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT.  
THE FILM FROM SMALAND, ALTHOUGH OF MUCH POORER  
QUALITY, DID SHOW A MERGER OF THE TWO RADAR RETURNS

AS THE FLIGHT PATHS CONVERGED.

2. THE EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE WAS TOLD THAT THE FILMS HE HAD VIEWED WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SWEDISH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AUTHORITIES AND TO A GROUP OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHICH IS MEETING TODAY TO LOOK INTO THE INCIDENT. THE POINT WAS STRESSED TO THE EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE BY A HIGH-RANKING MEMBER OF THE DEFENSE STAFF THAT, AS THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE SWEDISH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL JURISDICTION, ALL OFFICIAL SWEDISH INVOLVEMENT COULD BE EXPECTED TO TERMINATE AND THAT THE SWEDISH MEDIA WOULD BE SO INFORMED LATER TODAY.

3. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, MP CARL-HENRIK HERMANSSON, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE SWEDISH COMMUNIST PARTY, REQUESTED ON JANUARY 10 THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SODER PRESENT THE GOVERNMENT'S EXPLANATION OF THIS INCIDENT TO THE RIKSDAG. A MFA OFFICER INFORMED EMBASSY TODAY THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER MOST PROBABLY WOULD RESPOND TO HERMANSSON'S QUESTION ONLY ON JANUARY 19. WE FULLY ANTICIPATE THAT IN DOING SO, MRS. SODER WILL EXPLAIN THAT BECAUSE THE INCIDENT OCCURRED OUTSIDE OF STOCKHOLM FIR JURISDICTION, THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT'S TAKING UP THE MATTER WITH THE USG.  
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